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REMARKS

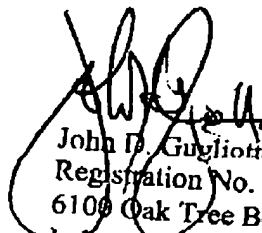
Reconsideration of the application *as amended* is respectfully requested.

Please note that the claims as currently amended are meant to correspond to amendments made in the International Application subsequent to the publication of the International Application. These changes were inadvertently overlooked in the filing of the U.S. National Phase application.

Further, the examiner requests restriction of the claims and election of a species even though the examiner states that claim 1 appear generic. Applicant suggests that the examiner has failed to make a prima facie case requiring such restriction, or that the species are "unconnected in design, operation, or effect". M.P.E.P. 808.01 The examiner has failed to provide an explanation as to whether the species claimed herein are in separate classifications, hold separate status in the art, or represent a different field of search. M.P.E.P. 808.02.

In fact, all 22 claims of the application are dependent on the same claim 1, which the examiner has determined is generic. Further, each of the Figures shows and describes all the necessary elements as claimed in the claims. Applicant suggests that each embodiment shown, described, and claimed represent solutions to common motivation, and therefore all incorporate species that have a close relationship to one another in design, operation, and effect. M.P.E.P. 802.01.

Respectfully submitted,



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